

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 to 13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) A fuel-injection system for the direct injection of fuel into a combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine, comprising:

a cylinder head in which fuel lines are positioned, the cylinder head having valve-receiving openings;

at least two fuel injectors situated in the valve-receiving openings, each of the fuel injectors having a fuel ~~connector~~ connection on a side thereof;

wherein the fuel lines discharge into the valve-receiving openings and into the fuel connection located on the side of each fuel injector, and wherein the fuel lines are interconnected in the cylinder head, and

wherein the fuel lines form at least one fuel-line array of at least two fuel lines hydraulically connected in series, the fuel-line array supplying fuel to at least two fuel injectors, and

wherein at least two fuel-line arrays are hydraulically positioned in parallel.

15. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in claim 14, wherein the fuel connection is situated on a level of a valve needle of each fuel injector.

16. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in claim 14, wherein the fuel lines are interconnected via at least the valve-receiving openings and the fuel connections.

17. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in claim 14, wherein each fuel connection has an outer first section and an inner second section, which is made up of at least one opening in the side of the fuel injector.

18. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in claim 17, wherein the fuel lines are connected via at least two openings of the second section.

19. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in claim 17, wherein the first section of the fuel connection has a form of an annular groove.

20. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in claim 17, wherein the fuel lines are connected via at least the first section of a fuel injector.

Claim 21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) The fuel-injection system as recited in claim [[21]] 14, wherein the fuel lines of the fuel-line array at least one of: i) are positioned coaxially with respect to each other, and ii) exit through a shared borehole.

Claim 23. (Canceled).

24. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in claim 17, wherein the fuel connection has a filter.

25. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in claim 24, wherein the filter is positioned around the first section in a form of a ring.

26. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in claim 24, wherein the filter is one of: i) made up of a meshed web, or ii) made up of an annular piece of metal which is perforated by laser-drilled holes.